Chapter 15

THE MEMBERS OF THE DEBATE CLUB ARE TALKING ABOUT TATTOOS.

I DON'T HAVE ONE.

SAY, MAYUYU, IF YOU HAD A TATTOO, WHAT KIND WOULD IT BE?

WHAT?

SNORT

HUH?

I REALLY DON'T HAVE A TATTOO.

YOU'RE JUST PRETEND-ING TO HAVE ONE.

YUMIMI-SENPAI ISN'T SAYING YOU ACTUALLY HAVE ONE.

YEAH, "IF"...

HYPOTHETICALLY, RIGHT?

...

UM ...

OH, I GET IT.

OH MY! THAT'S SO COOL!

Strike!

THE CUTEST THING IN THE WHOLE WORLD. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU, YUMIMI!

LIKE WHAT?

LET'S SEE... WELL... A CUTE ONE WOULD BE NICE, I THINK!

...

WHAT SHOULD I DO? I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE!

NO, WAIT! THAT'S THE KIND OF LINE DAD ALWAYS SAYS WHEN MOM'S ANGRY AT HIM BECAUSE HE FORGOT HER BIRTHDAY.

'MELON BREAD'?

UHM ...

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! I JUST PUT A BIT TOO MUCH THOUGHT INTO IT, OKAY?

flutter flutter

THAT'S SO STUPID!

AHAHA HA! WHAT'S THAT?

WHAAAAT?

I WON'T SLIP IN THE BATH! I'M ALWAYS CAREFUL!

THEY MIGHT EVEN CALL IT THE MELON BREAD INCIDENT!

AND THEN YOU KNOW, IN THE FUTURE IF YOU LIKE, SLIP AND FALL WHEN TAKING A BATH AND DIE

LET ME SEE... I THINK SOME KIND OF FLOWER OR SOMETHING WOULD BE NICE.

WELL, WHAT KIND OF TATTOO WOULD YOU HAVE THEN, MARIRI?!

HMPH?

ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE INVESTIGATION TEAM WOULD GO LIKE, 'MAN, THIS GIRL REALLY LIKED MELON BREAD!'

WELL, CUTER THAN MELON BREAD, AT LEAST.

WAIT. THAT'S CUTE...

OH, I SEE! WELL, YOU KNOW!

WHEN YOU IN THE FUTURE, LIKE, SLIP AND DIE IN THE BATH, RIGHT!

THE INVESTI-GATION GUYS WILL ALL BE LIKE,

'MAN, THIS GIRL REALLY LIKED FLOWERS' AND...

THEN WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

MELON BREAD WAS JUST A SLIP OF THE TONGUE. I DON'T REALLY LIKE IT THAT MUCH!

LOOK, YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG.

AHAHA HAHA! GIVE ME A BREAK!

GROUND MEAT CUTLETS!

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NOBODY'S TALKING ABOUT FOOD NOW.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT TATTOOS. I'M TALKING ABOUT FOOD IN GENERAL!

'DO YOU'...

'DO YOU HAVE A TATTOO OF A SPONGE ON YOUR SHOULDER?'

'NO, A CUTLET, SIR!'

IF YOU GET SLASHED THERE BY SOME RANDOM ATTACKER...

AND THEN IN THE FUTURE

THEN

YOU'LL CRY OUT...

AHAHAHAHAHAHA!

AHAHAHAHA!

"MY CUTLET GOT CUT!"

I WON'T RUN INTO SOMEONE LIKE THAT!

...

...

BWA HAHA HAHA HAHA!

GETTING HUNGRY...

I'M...

WHICH MEANS IT'S ALREADY SIX O'CLOCK, ISN'T IT. TIME FLIES!

OH! NONONON- SENPAI'S STOMACH GROWLED!

GROOOWL-

AI IS A MEMBER OF THE TRACK-AND-FIELD CLUB.

IF GERMS GET IN IT, IT'LL GET INFECTED. HAVE YOU DISINFECTED IT PROPERLY?

REALLY? THERE'S BLOOD COMING OUT, Y'KNOW.

I FELL DURING TRAINING THIS MORNING.

OH MY GOSH! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

IT'S FINE.

IT DOESN'T HURT ANYMORE, EITHER...

IT'S FINE, I TELL YOU.

THANKS A LOT.

KA-CLACK

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS FOR YOU, OKAY?

YOU BETTER NOT WALK TOO MUCH TODAY.

WHAT?

...

HERE!

I NEED TO USE THE TOILET.

DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!

WHAT DID I JUST TELL YOU!

NO WAY!

GET ON!

HELL NO! STOP IT!

GRAB GRAB

YES, YOU WILL! OTHERWISE, YOU'LL DIE!

LOOK, I'M HEAVY, SO...

JUST LET ME DOWN.

I'M TOTALLY FINE...

...

TOTTERING...

... GUH

THIS IS EASY, RIGHT?

NO!

BUT I'M GOING TO FALL DOWN!

IT'S FINE ALREADY! I CAN ALREADY WALK!

DON'T!

IT'S JUST A BIT FURTHER!

SLIDING---

LOOK, THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!

I'M SLIPPING!

I'M FINE!

OH, AND IF YOU'RE NOT ABLE DO IT YOURSELF,

I'LL HELP YOU OUT!

...

TRIP.

NICE ...

HAVE A...

pant pant pant pant

CLACK CLACK CLACK

IT'S FINE!

THIS MUCH'S A PIECE OF CAKE!

I CAN CARRY IT MYSELF, Y'KNOW.

IT NEVER HURT TO BEGIN WITH.

I'M SURE IT'LL STOP HURTING TOMOR-ROW!

Hmph!

GEEZ. TREAT-ING ME LIKE AN OLD WOMAN.

I DON'T WANNA BE THE ONLY ONE SIT

OH NO. I WON'T HEAR IT.

WE WERE LUCKY THERE WAS AN EMPTY SEAT FOR YOU.

CLACK CLACKETY-CLACK

WELL,

YOU ARE AN INJURED PERSON, Y'KNOW.

HEH-HEH-HEH

HEAVE -HO!

IT'S OKAY. I DON'T WANNA BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.

WHY NOT? SIT DOWN ALREADY ...

OH, CHIE, A SEAT JUST OPENED UP OVER THERE!

YES, YES, YOU WERE, SO...

I WON'T BE LETTING YOU DO THIS TOMORROW, OKAY?

WAS I BEING

USE-FUL TO YOU TO DAY?

AH-CHAN.

CLACK

CLACKETY-CLACK

AH, CHIE!

JUST THE THOUGHT ITSELF IS MORE THAN ENOUGH...

I WANT TO SPOIL YOU SO MUCH, AH-CHAN.

YEAH, BUT... I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, Y'KNOW

DON'T MAKE SUCH A FUSS OVER IT AND SIT STILL!

PLING!

LOOK, I'VE ALREADY SAID THAT I'M FINE!

THEN LISTEN ...!

NO, IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT...

TRALALALALALALA!

CLOSE

HUH?

THIS IS THE STATION YOU'RE GETTING OFF AT, ALREADY!

LIFE IS INDEED SOMETHING BEYOND OUR CONTROL...

Virgins Empire

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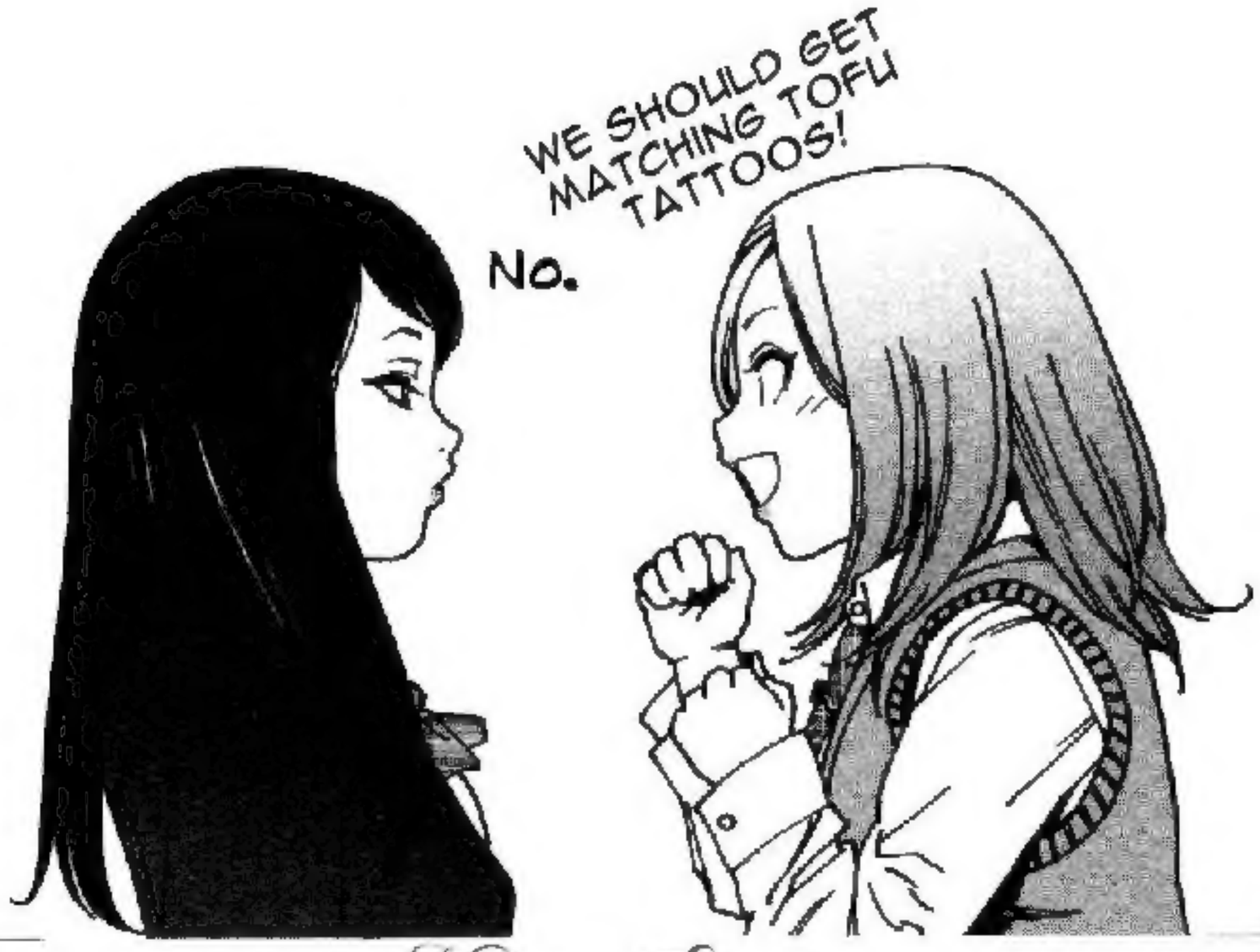

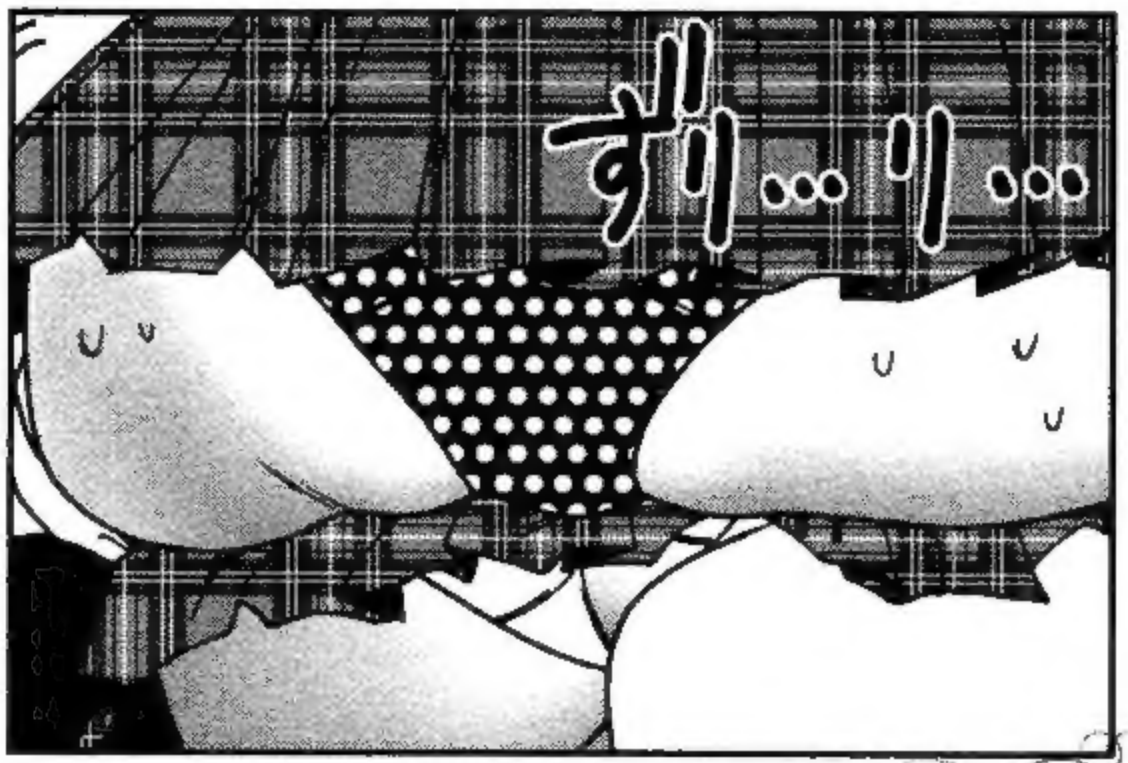
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